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SUBJECT: NATIONAL UNITY FRONT CONGRESS OPENED BY CEAUSESCU

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ROMANIAN PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED OPENING OF SOCIALIST UNITY FRONT CONGRESS (THE FIRST FOR THIS UMBRELLA FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONS) AND CARRIED FOUR-PAGE CEAUSESCU OPENING SPEECH. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF SPEECH IS DEVOTED TO STANDARD FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THEMES AND TO TOUTING INCREASED ROLE FOR SOCIALIST UNITY FRONT, THERE ARE SEVERAL INTERESTING POINTS INCLUDING PLANS FOR MULTIPLE CANDIDATES IN 1975 ELECTIONS AND SOME INDICATIONS CONCERNING ECONOMY. END SUMMARY.

2. ELECTIONS: CEAUSESCU SAID THERE WILL BE MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH DEPUTY SEAT IN NEW GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO BE ELECTED IN SPRING, 1975 AS WELL AS FOR SEATS IN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODIES (PEOPLE'S COUNCILS). FRONT WILL SELECT ALL CANDIDATES, OF COURSE, UNDER APPROPRIATE PARTY GUIDANCE. (MULTIPLE CANDIDATES HAVE

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BEEN RUMORED IN PAST BUT WITHOUT FOLLOW-UP; IT IS CLEAR

THAT IT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER).

3. ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS AND PROBLEMS: GIVING FIRST STATISTICAL PREVIEW OF 1976-80 FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHICH IS TO BE "FINALIZED SOON", CEAUSESCU SET GROWTH OF "SOCIAL PRODUCT" (GNP MORE OR LESS) AT ANNUAL RATE OF 8.7 PERCENT (CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN IS AT 11 TO 12 PERCENT). NATIONAL INCOME IS TO INCREASE AT 10 PERCENT PER ANNUM (7.7 PERCENT IN CURRENT PLAN), INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AT 10 PERCENT (14.1 TO 15.6 PERCENT IN THIS PLAN) AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT AT 6 PERCENT (VERSUS 7 PERCENT NOW). (THESE FIGURES PROBABLY INDICATE SOME REALLOCATION OF INVESTMENT AS WELL AS LOWER GROWTH RATES EXPECTED AS ECONOMY EXPANDS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT YET IN ENOUGH DETAIL TO REVEAL ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EMPHASIS.)

4. HOWEVER, RE-INVESTMENT RATE IS TO BE 30 TO 40 PERCENT, MEANING NO DECLINE FROM FORCED-DRAFT PACE OF CURRENT PLAN DESPITE SOME INDICATIONS EARLY THIS YEAR (INCLUDING A CEAUSESCU INTERVIEW) THAT SOME DECLINE BEING CONSIDERED. TOTAL INVESTMENT IN COURSE OF NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN IS TO BE 950-960 BILLION LEI. INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER STATE-EMPLOYED LABOR FORCE IS TO INCREASE BY ONE MILLION TO MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND IN NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO TOTAL OF 7,600,000. AVERAGE WAGES ARE SUPPOSED TO RISE TO 2,400 LEI PER MONTH (FROM 1,700 AT PRESENT AND 1,900 SCHEDULED AT END OF THIS YEAR). HOUSING IS TO INCREASE BY 815,000 APARTMENTS WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR ESPECIALLY GREAT. CEAUSESCU ALSO REFERRED TO SOME PROBLEMS WITH CURRENT PLAN, NOTABLY RISE IN COSTS OF PRIMARY MATERIALS ON WORLD MARKET WHICH LED TO COROLLARY EXHORTATION TO CONSERVE ON THEIR USE. HE SAID INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1974 HAD RISEN AT RATE OF 15 PERCENT WHICH IS SOMEWHAT BELOW PROJECTED ANNUAL RATE OF ALMOST 17 PERCENT.

5. HISTORY: CEAUSESCU REFERRED TO COMINTERN'S ORDER IN PERIOD OF SOVIET-NAZI PACT NOT TO OPPOSE GERMANS AND CALLING IT "INCORRECT" AND "MISTAKEN", IMPLIED THAT ROMANIAN CP HAD IGNORED IT BY CALLING ON MASSES TO STRUGGLE AGAINST HITLERISM. ON SOMEWHAT MORE FIRM HISTORICAL GROUND, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CEAUSESCU ALSO ALLUDED TO 1944 ANTI-FASCIST UPHEAVAL IN WAY THAT ALSO PAID CREDIT TO FORCES OTHER THAN RCP INCLUDING NOT ONLY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS BUT "BLOC OF DEMOCRATIC PARTIES", ARMED FORCES AND "THE PALACE WITH KING MICHAEL."

6. SOCIAL GROUPS: IN NOTING VARIOUS ELEMENTS IN SOCIALIST UNITY FRONT, CEAUSESCU ALLUDED TO RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS BUT ALSO REFERRED TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS

WELL AS THEIR LINKAGE AS ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE FRONT (SOME RELIGIOUS SOURCES ARE FEARFUL THAT THIS STEP WILL BRING MORE CONTROL). IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS INTERESTING THAT WHILE ORTHODOX AND PROTESTANT FIGURES WERE ELECTED TO THE FRONT'S PRESIDUM, NO CATHOLICS WERE CHOSEN ALTHOUGH CATHOLICS (MOSTLY HUNGARIANS) ARE BY FAR THE LARGEST RELIGIOUS MINORITY. IN ANOTHER PASSAGE OF INTEREST EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, CEAUSESCU TOOK PAINS TO PRAISE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMY OF ALL PRODUCTIVE GROUPS, NOT ONLY WORKERS, PEASANTS AND INTELLIGENTSIA IN GENERAL SENSE BUT VARIOUS SUB-CATEGORIES AMONG WHICH HE SPECIFICALLY NAMED MEMBERS OF FREE PROFESSIONS (PRIVATE LAWYERS, ETC.) AND "A LIMITED CATEGORY OF PRIVATE PEASANTS." THEIR INCLUSION WAS IN FAVORABLE VEIN.

7. DEFENSE: ANOTHER PASSAGE EMPHASIZES NEED TO STRENGTHEN MILITARY DEFENSE AND, WHILE PAYING LIP SERVICE TO COLLABORATION WITH FORCES OF OTHER SOCIALIST STATES, GOES ON TO NEED FOR PREPARING ALL CITIZENS TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY IN CASE OF NEED.

8. POPULATION: ONE SENTENCE STATEMENT SHOWS THAT GOR POLICY OF ENCOURAGING HIGHER BIRTH RATE REMAINS IN FORCE.

9. FOREIGN POLICY: RATHER LENGTHY FOREIGN POLICY SEGMENT OF SPEECH SEEMS RATHER ROUTINE. HE MADE USUAL ALLUSION TO COOPERATION WITH ALL SOCIALIST STATES AND CALL FOR "OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES THAT STILL EXIST IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES". ON CSCE, HE CALLED FOR EARLY WIND-UP OF PHASE TWO, GOING ON TO THIRD PHASE AT "HIGHEST LEVEL", AND FORMATION OF FOLLOW-ON "PERMENENT ORGANISM". HE MADE NO ALLUSION TO MBFR AT ALL AND ONLY CURSORY REFERENCE TO BALKAN UNITY THEME. PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND MIDDLE EAST GOT EXTENSIVE BUT STANDARD TREATMENT AND SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR "CONSTRUCTIVE (NORTH KOREAN) PROPOSALS" AIMED AT ACHIEVING "PEACEFUL UNIFICATION" OF PENINSULA.

10. PERSONNEL NOTES: PERSONALITY "CULT" REMAINED IN EVIDENCE WITH ELECTION OF ELENA CEAUSESCU AS WELL AS HER HUSBAND TO PRESIDUM OF THE CONGRESS AND ELECTION OF SON NICU CEAUSESCU TO ONE OF TWO COMMISSIONS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE CHAIRED BY HIS FATHER. ALTHOUGH VARIOUS HIGH PERSONALITIES AND HOST OF LESSER ONES NAMED TO VARIOUS BODIES, IT IS OF SOME INTEREST THAT NAMES OF NICULESCU-MIZIL, TROFIN AND RADULESCU APPEAR NOWHERE (NOR DO SOME OTHERS LIKE

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VERDET) ALTHOUGH TROFIN AND RADULESCU WERE VISIBLY PRESENT FROM SCINTEIA'S PHOTOGRAPH. ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE EDUCATION MINISTER (MIZIL) WOULD HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT NOTICEABLE IN EVENT OF THIS KIND.

11. IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED DEVELOPMENT, IOSIF UGLAR, AN EXCO CANDIDATE MEMBER WHO HAS HERETOFORE BEEN COUNTY BOSS IN SATU MARE, WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE'S COUNCILS (IN PLACE OF VIRGIL TROFIN). UGLAR WAS ONE OF VERY FEW COUNTY BOSSES WHO PUBLICLY SUPPORTED CEAUSESCU'S FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEAR PROGRAM FOR PLAN FUL-FILLMENT IN 1972 DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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